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Community Informational

TUCSON SECTOR BORDER PATROL -- In an effort to improve our communications within the community, we are sending you this Community Informational to inform you of significant actions taken by Border Patrol Agents in the Tucson Sector Area of Responsibility. We are excited to provide you this insight into issues that may appear in the media. We would appreciate your feedback and constructive criticism on how we can better keep you informed. If you would like to see something added, let us know. If you prefer not to receive this information, or know of someone who would like to receive it, please email us at tcfieldcommunicationsbranch@cbp.dhs.gov. Finally, feel free to forward this to others who may benefit from this information. The following is a rundown of activities that occurred over the past week within the Tucson Sector.

Significant Arrests

(CASA GRANDE) Border Patrol Agents from the Casa Grande Station arrested an illegal alien from Mexico Monday who was convicted of sexual assault. Agents discovered the conviction using the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS). The man was held for further processing.

IAFIS is an effective tool for rapidly identifying individuals with criminal histories. The Border Patrol is committed to removing the criminal elements that pose potential threats to our surrounding communities.

Rescues and Recoveries

(CASA GRANDE) Agents assigned to the Border Patrol's Search, Trauma and Rescue Team (BORSTAR) responded to a report of three subjects in distress. The BORSTAR agents located the group and upon further medical evaluation, the BORSTAR Agents determined the subjects were not in distress and transported the aliens to the Casa Grande Station for processing.

Tucson Sector has more than 200 agents trained as emergency medical technicians and more than 3,200 agents ready to respond to emergency situations. Although agents in the Tucson Sector stand ready to provide humanitarian assistance to anyone encountered in need, the summer heat continues to be a threat to human health. Unfortunately, smugglers value profits more than the lives of the people they attempt to smuggle across the border. Individuals who fall ill are often left behind by smugglers and can become victims of the desert.

Significant Seizures



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(TUCSON) U.S. Border Patrol agents assigned to the Tucson Sector seized approximately 1,940 pounds of marijuana Tuesday worth more than \$1.5 million in two separate incidents.

In the West Desert, agents assigned to the All-Terrain Vehicle unit (ATV) from the Ajo station tracked a group of suspected illegal aliens for several miles resulting in the discovery of 37 bundles of marijuana and the apprehension of five subjects. The marijuana and subjects were transported to the Ajo Border Patrol station for processing. The marijuana weighed more than 1,680 pounds and had an estimated value of more than \$1.3 million,

In a separate incident, agents working the Interstate 19 Checkpoint seized more than 250 pounds of marijuana in a vehicle. The marijuana, valued at more than \$200,000, was taken to the Nogales Border Patrol station along with the vehicle and driver for processing.

(WILLCOX) Willcox Station agents seized 175 pounds of marijuana on Monday while conducting checkpoint operations on Highway 90. The marijuana has an estimated value exceeding \$140,000. The driver, vehicle and marijuana were transported to the Willcox Station for processing.

(DOUGLAS) Douglas Station agents seized more than 150 pounds of marijuana on Monday while responding to a suspicious vehicle. The marijuana has an estimated value of more than \$120,000. The vehicle, driver, and marijuana were transported to the Douglas Station for processing.

(TUCSON) In six unrelated incidents this weekend, Tucson Sector Border Patrol agents seized more than 4,500 pounds of marijuana with an estimated value of more than \$3.6 million.

The largest seizure of the weekend occurred Friday when Ajo agents responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the West Desert. Agents were able to locate and follow vehicle tracks to an abandoned pickup truck containing more than 2,400 pounds of marijuana. The narcotics, valued at almost \$2 million, and the vehicle were taken to the Ajo Station for processing.

Another significant seizure occurred Friday at the Border Patrol checkpoint on Interstate 19. A Border Patrol canine unit, assigned to the Nogales station, alerted to a truck during primary inspection. During secondary inspection, agents scanned the vehicle using Non-Intrusive Inspection (NII) technology and found more than 700 pounds of marijuana valued at more than \$575,000. The truck, marijuana and driver were taken to the Nogales Station for processing.

In the final four incidents, Agents from the Nogales, Tucson and Willcox stations seized more than 1,400 pounds in their respective areas of responsibility.

Border Patrol agents remain vigilant while protecting our nation and preventing contraband from entering our communities. From Oct. 1, 2009, to August 31, 2010, the Tucson Sector Border Patrol seized more than 943,000 pounds of marijuana valued in excess of \$754 million.



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